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From: Miller, Amy [Miller.Amy@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/24/2021 12:17:47 AM
To: Brahmbhatt, Roshni [brahmbhatt.Roshni@epa.gov]
CC: Trombadore, Claire [Trombadore.Claire@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Maricopa County Air Quality Oversight Concern

Sounds appropriate

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From: Brahmbhatt, Roshni <brahmbhatt.Roshni@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 6:40 AM
To: Miller, Amy <Miller.Amy@epa.gov>
Cc: Trombadore, Claire <Trombadore.Claire@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Maricopa County Air Quality Oversight Concern

Hi Amy,

We conducted an SRF of Maricopa County in 2018 where our focus is on inspections, types of violations, enforcement and penalty. Identifying sources as major or as synthetic minor and related permitting is not usually in our scope, unless there has been a facility we have found that's in violation of their synthetic minor source limits.

If it's okay with you, I'd like to refer this to the Air Division, specifically the Permitting Section. They might be better equipped to answer questions related the permitting status of a facility and associated determinations.

Thanks,
Roshni

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On Feb 22, 2021, at 9:37 PM, Miller, Amy <Miller.Amy@epa.gov> wrote:

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Kirk Flamm Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Date: February 7, 2021 at 11:18:52 AM PST
To: "Miller, Amy" <Miller.Amy@epa.gov>
Subject: Maricopa County Air Quality Oversight Concern

Good morning Amy,

I am emailing to present my concerns with the Maricopa County Air Quality Department's (MCAQD) administration of their permitting program.

I previously worked with the MCAQD in the compliance department and was involved in determination process for which sources need a permit application and complete potential to emit evaluation. This leads me to the attached memorandum that is relied on internally, and not published to the public for comment. This memo appears to be counter to MCAQD adopted rule 200 section 303

To compound this flippant approach to MCAQD own rules please see the "SYNTHETIC MINOR" determination on the Departments website, <https://www.maricopa.gov/2433/Non-Title-V-Permit-Information> . This interpretation to rule 100 section 200.128, also appears counter.

I have tried to discuss this with the department and asked for a legal evaluation from the Maricopa County Attorney's office, all of which have yielded no results.

I would expect the MCAQD to follow their own rules. With the technical aspect of this, trying to explain how the department is failing to follow their own rules and the potential massive under permitting, reporting, and emission inventory to officials with the authority to make the change I quickly lose interest.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Any more information I can provide, please feel free to contact me.
Thank you,

Kirk